

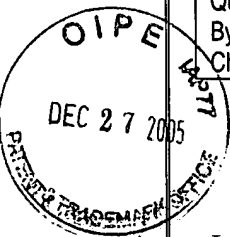
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:  
**PAUL A. PRICE and JULIA S. JOHANSEN**

Examiner: Susan NMN Ungar

Application No.: **09/164,862**

Art Unit: 1642

Filed: **10/01/1998**

For: **YKL-40 AS A MARKER AND  
PROGNOSTIC INDICATOR FOR CANCERS**

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 23, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- 1) A petition to extend the period of response for three months;

Please amend the specification and/or claims as shown herein.